



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chair, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair McCollum and Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Members Joyce and Udall:

I am pleased to provide this request for the Small Business Innovation Research reprogramming for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Submitting this request follows the guidance in the Joint Explanatory Statement of Managers, that accompanied the FY 2020 appropriation bill, in which approval is required for any changes over \$1,000,000.

The EPA is requesting a reprogramming of \$3.481 million, in FY 2020 resources, to provide funds to support the SBIR Program. This transfer of resources supports the SBIR Program as required by the *SBIR Program Reauthorization Act* (P.L. 106-554). Under this Act, the EPA is required to provide 3.2 percent of its extramural research program to support SBIR.

A more detailed description of the reprogramming and a breakout by program/project is provided in the enclosure. The EPA requests this reprogramming reset the base program/project levels for future reprogrammings. Should you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Ed Walsh, of my staff, at walsh.ed@epa.gov or (202) 564-4594.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FY 2020 Enacted Operating Plan Reprogramming
Science and Technology**

**SBIR
Reprogramming Details**

<u>Appropriation/Program Project</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
S&T	Homeland Security: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery		-\$ 250,000
S&T	Research: Air and Energy		-\$ 1,373,000
S&T	Research: Safe and Sustainable Water Resources		-\$ 188,000
S&T	Research: Chemical Safety and Sustainability		-\$ 1,200,000
SF Transfer	Homeland Security: Preparedness, Response, and Recovery		-\$ 150,000
SF Transfer	Human Health Risk Assessment		-\$ 320,000
SF Transfer	Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities	+\$ 470,000	
S&T	Research: Sustainable and Healthy Communities	+\$3,011,000	
Total		+\$3,481,000	-\$3,481,000

This transfer of FY 2020 resources supports the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Program as required by the SBIR Reauthorization Act of 2000 (PL 106-554). Under this Act, EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) is required to provide 3.2% of the extramural research program funding to support SBIR. This reprogramming transfers resources from the programs listed above into the Research: Sustainability and Healthy Communities program to meet the SBIR Reauthorization Act funding requirements.

EPA continues to require a separate reprogramming to implement the Congressionally directed Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program as part of its annual operating plan. This annual reprogramming ensures we apply the SBIR tap across the various research programs as reflected in the Congressionally appropriated levels which fluctuate annually.